

IN THE CLAIMS

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A digital broadcast receiving apparatus, comprising:

      a receiver operable to selectively receive a plurality of digital broadcast signals, and to output digital data corresponding to said received digital broadcast signals, at least some of said output digital data corresponding to a plurality of different limited receiving modes;

      a processor operable to selectively perform limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data;

      a plurality of integrated circuit ("IC") card interface sections each adapted for mounting one of a plurality of IC cards including a first IC card and a second IC card, each of said first and second IC cards controlling contract information and scramble key information necessary for said limited receiving processing;

      wherein said processor includes an identifier operable to identify to which of said limited receiving modes said first and second IC cards correspond when said first and second IC cards are mounted to said first and second IC card interface sections;

      a controller operable to control said processor to perform said limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data by use of said contract information and said scramble key information controlled by one of said first and second IC cards when said one of said first and second IC cards corresponds to said limited receiving mode of said at least some of said output digital data; and

~~The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising an announcer operable to make an announcement to a user that two or more of said first and second~~

IC cards both correspond ~~corresponding~~ to an identical one of said limited receiving modes ~~are mounted to said plurality of IC card interface sections.~~

4. (original) The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said announcer makes said announcement by a display on a displaying section or by an on screen display.

5. (original) The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said announcer makes said announcement by sound.

6. (currently amended) A digital broadcast receiving apparatus, comprising:

a receiver operable to selectively receive a plurality of digital broadcast signals, and to output digital data corresponding to said received digital broadcast signals, at least some of said output digital data corresponding to a plurality of different limited receiving modes;

a processor operable to selectively perform limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data;

a plurality of integrated circuit ("IC") card interface sections each adapted for mounting one of a plurality of IC cards including a first IC card and a second IC card, each of said first and second IC cards controlling contract information and scramble key information necessary for said limited receiving processing;

wherein said processor includes an identifier operable to identify to which of said limited receiving modes said first and second IC cards correspond when said first and second IC cards are mounted to said first and second IC card interface sections;

a controller operable to control said processor to perform said limited receiving processing for said at least

some of said output digital data by use of said contract information and said scramble key information controlled by one of said first and second IC cards when said one of said first and second IC cards corresponds to said limited receiving mode of said at least some of said output digital data and to select said one of said first and second IC cards through use of a graphical user interface ~~The digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, when two or more of said first and second IC cards corresponding both correspond to an identical limited receiving mode, are mounted to said plurality of IC card interface sections, one of said two or more IC cards is selected as an effective IC card through use of a graphical user interface.~~ said selected IC card controlling said contract information and said scramble key information during said limited receiving processing.

7-8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A method for receiving digital broadcasts comprising:

selectively receiving a plurality of digital broadcast signals, and outputting digital data corresponding to said received digital broadcast signals, at least some of said output digital data corresponding to a plurality of different limited receiving modes;

providing a plurality of integrated circuit ("IC") cards corresponding to either an identical one of said limited receiving modes or different ones of said limited receiving modes, each IC card being operable to control contract information and scramble key information necessary to perform limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data;

providing a plurality of IC card interface sections for mounting ones of said IC cards;

mounting a first one of said IC cards to a first one of said IC card interface sections and mounting a second one of said IC cards to a second one of said IC card interface sections;

identifying to which of said limited receiving modes said first and second IC cards correspond;

performing said limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data by use of said contract information and said scramble key information controlled by one of said first and second IC cards when said one of said first and second IC cards corresponds to said limited receiving mode of said at least some of said output digital data; and

~~The method for receiving digital broadcasts according to claim 8, further comprising making an announcement to a user when said first and second IC cards both correspond that two or more of said IC cards corresponding to an said identical one of said limited receiving modes are mounted to said plurality of IC card interface sections.~~

10. (original) The method for receiving digital broadcasts according to claim 9, wherein said announcement is made on a displaying section or on an on screen display.

11. (original) The method for receiving digital broadcasts according to claim 9, wherein said announcement is made by sound.

12. (currently amended) A method for receiving digital broadcasts comprising:

selectively receiving a plurality of digital broadcast signals, and outputting digital data corresponding to said received digital broadcast signals, at least some of said output digital data corresponding to a plurality of different limited receiving modes;

providing a plurality of integrated circuit ("IC") cards corresponding to either an identical one of said limited receiving modes or different ones of said limited receiving modes, each IC card being operable to control contract information and scramble key information necessary to perform limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data;

providing a plurality of IC card interface sections for mounting ones of said IC cards;

mounting a first one of said IC cards to a first one of said IC card interface sections and mounting a second one of said IC cards to a second one of said IC card interface sections;

identifying to which of said limited receiving modes said first and second IC cards correspond;

performing said limited receiving processing for said at least some of said output digital data by use of said contract information and said scramble key information controlled by one of said first and second IC cards when said one of said first and second IC cards corresponds to said limited receiving mode of said at least some of said output digital data; and

~~The method for receiving digital broadcasts according to claim 8, wherein, when two or more of said first and second IC cards both correspond~~ corresponding to an said identical one of said limited receiving modes, mode are mounted to said plurality of IC card interface sections, selecting one of said two or more first and second IC cards through use of a graphical user interface, said selected IC card serving is selected as an effective IC card for control of said contract information and said scramble key information during said step of performing said limited receiving processing ~~through use of a graphical user interface.~~